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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA1
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DAVID BRESSELSMITH,
Plaintiff,
v.
NDOC, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No.: 2:22-cv-02084-GMN-VCF

ORDER

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On December 16, 2022, pro se plaintiff David Bresselsmith, an inmate in the
custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a complaint under
42 U.S.C. § 1983 but did not pay the \$402 filing fee for a civil action or apply to proceed
in forma pauperis. (ECF Nos. 1, 1-1). Plaintiff must either pay the filing fee for a civil action
or properly apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* to proceed with this action.14
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The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees
from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights
action is \$402, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee. See *id.*
at § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to
the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. LSR 1-1. *In forma pauperis* status
does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that
the inmate can pay the fee in installments. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).21
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To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the
following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed *in Forma***
Pauperis for Inmate (pages 1–3 of the Court’s form) that is properly signed by the inmate
twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate** (page 4 of the Court’s form) that
is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the
inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month
period. See *id.* at § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. LSR 1-2. Even if Plaintiff has not been at the
NDOC facility for a full six-month period, he must still submit both a financial certificate

1 and an inmate account statement for the dates he has been at the facility with his
2 application.

3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff has **until March 27, 2023** to either
4 pay the full \$402 filing fee or file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
5 with all three required documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate's two
6 signatures on page 3, (2) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the
7 inmate and the prison or jail official, and (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account
8 statement for the previous six-month period.

9 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
10 he fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff to
11 refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when he can file a complete
12 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

13 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff David Bresselsmith the approved
14 form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same
15 and retain the complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but not file it at this time.

16 DATED THIS 26th day of January 2023.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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